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SUBJECT: VISIT TO GUINEA BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

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1. GREATLY PLEASED AT POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY SECRETARY MOOSE
EARLY AUGUST. AS INDICATED REF B, GUINEA WOULD WELCOME
HIGH-LEVEL U.S. VISIT, AND THE FACT OF VISIT AS WELL AS
OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE SHOULD MAKE IMPORTANT
CONTRIBUTION TO US/GUINEA RELATIONS. AS FAR AS WE KNOW,
PRESIDENT TOURE SHOULD BE IN CONAKRY THEN, HAVING RETURNED FROM
KHARTOUM
SUMMIT NOT LONG BEFORE. MOOSE VISIT SHOULD THEREFORE
OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY SUBJECTS SUCH AS
SUGGESTED PARA 4, REF B, BUT ALM OAU SUMMIT AND POSSIBILITIES
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING MECHANISMS TO AVOID
FUTURE RESORT TO EXTRA-CONTINENTAL MILITARY FORCES IN
RESOLUTION OF AFRICAN DISPUTES.

2. IF MOOSE VISIT MATERIALIZES, BELIEVE IN INTEREST OF
CONSERVING OUR AMMUNITION IT WOULD BE WELL TO POSTPONE VISIT
BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG PROPOSED REF B. YOUNG VISIT
COULD HOPEFULLY BE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER-FEBRUARY
AFTER UNGA AND WHEN WEATHER HERE WILL BE GOOD. HOWEVER,
IF MOOSE VISIT DOESNOT MATERIALIZE, WE URGE MOST
STRONGLY DESIRABILITY OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMING
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THIS SUMMER, FOR REASONS SET FORTH REF B.

3. BELIEVE THESE TWO VISITS, TIMED ROUGHLY AS SUGGESTED,
WOULD HAVE STRONG REENFORCING EFFECT, UNDERSCORING US
INTEREST IN GUINEA, CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND
INTEREST IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF
MATERIAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF GUINEAN PEOPLE. AS

INDICATED REF B, VISIT SHOULD HELP COUNTERBALANCE
EXPECTED MOVES OF SOVIET UNION TO RECOUP ITS
POSITION IN GUINEA.
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